

July 4, 1892:

HOUSEBREAKING AND LARCENY.

John Horn Charged with Burglarizing F. E.
Walker's Store.

THE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

The audience that occupied the back benches at the Magistrate's levee this morning was not so large as usual on the first court day of the week, owing, no doubt, to the fact that the calendar was unusually short.

DAN BUCKLEY ROBBED.

James R. Greer, a respectable-looking young fellow, was arraigned on the charge of stealing a gold watch and chain, a pitcher and a tambourine from Daniel Buckley. He pleaded not guilty and was defended by Mr. J. V. Teetzel, Q. C., who secured an adjournment of the case until Wednesday. The prisoner was admitted to bail in bonds amounting to \$100.

Buckley reported at Police Headquarters yesterday that the articles in question had been stolen from him on Saturday night at the corner of King and Locke streets. About noon Detective McKenzie arrested Greer, who, while admitting that he had undertaken to see Buckley home, denied taking any of the stuff stolen.

SUE FOR WAGES.

Ezra Waterman, who has charge of the collection of mails from the street letter boxes, was sued by G. W. McDonald, one of his drivers, for a month's wages, \$13. The latter claimed that after he had worked steadily for about two months and a half Waterman discharged him without notice and refused to pay him for ten days of the last month that he worked.

Waterman—He didn't clean the mail waggon, and wouldn't when I asked him.

McDonald—I didn't have time, because I had to be punctual with the mails.

Waterman—Ain't you under oath to the mail department to be loyal to the Queen and to clean that waggon?

McDonald—Yes.

Waterman then went into the box and stated that McDonald did not clean the horse or waggon all the time he worked for him. "He was off three days of the first month through sickness," he continued, "but I did not keep that off of him until the last month."

Mr. S. F. Washington, who appeared for McDonald—Why didn't you keep that three days off of the first month's pay?

Witness—I can keep it off when I like.

Magistrate—You must pay McDonald \$4.30 and 50 cents witness fees, and also the costs of the court, \$2.

Waterman—I give notice of appeal. I consider this a test case as to whether a boy can violate his oath of office and draw his pay.

THAT ROBBERY AT WALKER'S.

John Horn, the young man arrested on Saturday by Sergts. Vanatter and Castell on a charge of housebreaking and larceny in connection with the robbery of F. E. Walker's store on King street east on July 1st, was placed in the dock. He pleaded not guilty to the charge of stealing six suits of clothes and ten pairs of lace curtains. Chief McKinnon stated that the prosecution was not ready, and as the prisoner also desired time to get a lawyer, the case was enlarged until Wednesday. The prisoner's application to be admitted to bail was refused and he was taken off to jail.

COSTS GREATER THAN THE CLAIM.

Another wages case was that in which William Teeple sued Leonard Back, an Ancaster farmer, for a claim of \$6.25. He hired with the defendant in April last for \$18 a month, and being a member of the 77th Batt. left with that corps for Niagara camp. Back was not willing that he should go, and as he also complained of Teeple's negligence about the farm, discharged him on his return from camp. County Constable Littlehales had charge of the case. The Magistrate gave judgment in the complainant's favor for the full amount claimed, \$6.25, and also assessed Back \$6.30 costs.

THE ONLY D. AND D.

Elizabeth McDonald, a middle-aged woman, who was given a chance to reform a few days ago, went on a spree again on Saturday, and was arrested by P. C. Duncan for being drunk and disorderly. This time the magistrate fined her \$5 or thirty days in jail.

July 5, 1892:

PLACED UNDER PEACE BONDS.

A Vile-Mouthed Brute Gets Off Easily—
“Wullie” Reid’s Troubles.

BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE.

Whenever “Wullie” Reid, the eccentric old east-end landlord, figures in a case at the Police Court, the back benchers are always on the look-out for considerable fun, and they are rarely disappointed. This morning the old man appeared before the Magistrate as complainant in one case and defendant in another. His usually placid temper was somewhat ruffled by reason of his having been arrested this morning and given a free ride in the patrol waggon to the cells. In front of the property which he owns on South street, the old man has planted a number of shade trees and life is made a burden to him owing to the depredations of children who injure the trees. He reproved a little daughter of Arthur Lessard, a neighbour, for some such wrong doing, and in the dispute which ensued between him and the girl’s father, Lessard threatened Reid. He was accordingly charged with that offence and in order to get square, Mrs.

and in order to get "the" Lessard charged Reid with using indecent and profane language. Naturally the cases were somewhat complicated, and as both Reid and Lessard wanted to do all the talking, and to do it "right away, quick," pandemonium reigned in the court room for about two minutes, when the Magistrate regained his customary gravity and called a halt on both disputants. Reid was much worked up over the affair and Sergt. Prentice had to push him into a seat to keep him away from Lessard. "I think the old man is only a little excitable," remarked the Sergt.-Major. "Oh, he is crazy!" replied the Magistrate. "I'll adjourn both cases until to-morrow, and you must all have your witnesses here. I think Reid ought to be bound over to keep the peace."

LOWER THAN THE BRUTES.

William Gusteeson, the man who spent some time in jail a few weeks ago for his inhuman treatment of his sick wife, was in the dock again charged by a neighbor, Mrs. Brooks, with using indecent language. The complainant swore that her family were unable to leave her house without their ears being assailed by all kinds of foul language directed at them by Gusteeson. "He calls us all the vile names," said she, "and really his language at times is simply filthy."

Prisoner—I tell the truth though. Your place is just as bad as I say, and I know what it is from experience.

He continued speaking for some time in this strain until finally even P. C. Ferris could stand it no longer and choked him off by remarking, "Oh, you are no good!"

The Magistrate fined Gustesson \$5 or fifty days in jail, and bound him over to keep the peace in the sum of \$200.

"Bind me over and be _____ to you," shrieked the prisoner, as he was hustled downstairs. "I'll see you in _____ before I pay anything."

TOO MUCH MOUTH.

George Secret, a pleasant-faced young man, was charged by Annie Burns, a neighbor, with assault. Mr. H. B. Witton appeared for the complainant and asked that the parties be allowed to settle the case. The Magistrate desired to hear the particulars, however, and called Miss Burns. She stated that Secret called on her last evening with a "gigantic jag" very carelessly secreted about his person, and, becoming afraid of him when he caught hold of her arm, she jumped over the fence into an adjoining yard. She wanted him bound over to keep the peace.

"You see, Your Worship," remarked George confidentially, "I got too much liquor in me and then I got an attack of too much mouth. I was not going to hurt her."

Magistrate—I'll fine you \$2 and place you under two \$40 peace bonds for a year.

RAILWAY LABORERS' SCRAP.

Bernard Flanery and John Caldwell are employed at the street railway operations on Barton street. Yesterday Caldwell amused himself by sneering at Flanery's work, and the latter, after standing the racket for some minutes, picked up an iron gauge and struck Caldwell on the arm with it. The injured man accordingly laid a charge of assault against his companion, and proceeded to prosecute the charge with all the eloquence of which he is master—no inconsiderable amount either, to judge by his tragic gestures, etc. when the case was in progress. As neither side seemed fully prepared, however, the Magistrate adjourned the case until to-morrow, particularly as Caldwell accused the other man of spiriting away his witnesses.

HOW BILLS GROW.

A. E. Carpenter charged George Freeth with trespass, in the removal of a quantity of gravel which the complainant had had teamed to a certain point on the Beach road. Messrs. W. Ross and G. F. Jelfs, lawyers for the defendant and complainant respectively, managed to effect a settlement of the case on the basis of the defence paying the costs, which were thought to amount to about \$1.25. When this decision was communicated to the Magistrate he quickly ran that bill of costs up to \$4.50, and finally Mr. Carpenter agreed to pay half that amount and Freeth agreed to leave his gravel alone in future.

OTHER CASES.

Francis O'Brien, a small boy, was charged by his father, Robert O'Brien, with vagrancy. The lad has been in the habit of staying away from home at nights and drawing his pay in advance from his employers, spending it amongst his companions. As he expressed a desire to behave himself in future, the Magistrate allowed the case to stand for a few days, giving Francis another chance.

John Reynolds, of Bedford, Ont., was arrested by G. T. R. Constable Farr this morning, for stealing a ride on the express from the east. He had no money, and was sent to jail for the customary ten days in default of a \$5 fine.

John Saunders, arrested by P. C. Creen for drunkenness, was fined \$2.

Joseph Thompson, charged by P. C. Walsh with being drunk and disorderly on John street north last night, was fined \$5 or thirty days in jail.

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July 6:

THAT LYNDEN UNFORTUNATE,

Lucy Camp, Before the Magistrate—
Arrested the Wrong Man.

THE POLICE COURT DOCKET.

Lucy Camp, the half-witted young woman from Lynden, who has been wandering around the city for the past two or three weeks, was arrested last night by P. C. Ford on a charge of vagrancy. When placed in the dock at the Police Court this morning she pleaded guilty to the charge. In her arms she carried a six-months-old baby and she has two other children in the Orphan Asylum. The constable stated that the prisoner walked the streets all night long making improper proposals to men. Chief McKinnon stated that some charitably disposed ladies had supplied the girl with a ticket for her home, but she had disposed of it. He suggested that she be sent to the Mercer Reformatory, providing a home could be secured for the baby. The Magistrate remanded the girl to jail for a week.

WEEK.

NOT GUILTY OF LARCENY.

The adjourned charge against James P. Greer of stealing a silver watch and chain from Daniel Buckley, a neighbor, at the corner of King and Locke streets, on Saturday last was gone into at some length, but no case made out against the prisoner who was accordingly acquitted. Yesterday morning Buckley's watch was returned to him, and he was not very anxious to press the charge this morning. According to the evidence it appears that both Buckley and Greer were drinking together all Saturday morning and visited several saloons in each other's company. When Buckley was on his way home he missed his watch and immediately suspected Greer of stealing it, eventually having him arrested. Mr. J. V. Teetzel, Q. C., appeared for the prisoner, and had considerable fun with Buckley while cross-examining him regarding the liquor he had imbibed prior to being robbed. Several witnesses testified to Greer's good character, and as the evidence of the prosecution did not amount to much the Magistrate found him not guilty.

ARRESTED THE WRONG MAN.

The adjourned charge of housebreaking and larceny against John Horn was called, but as the police were not ready to proceed the case was again laid over for a week.

Yesterday afternoon Detective McKenzie and P. C. Watson arrested Michael Hayes on suspicion of having been implicated with Horn in the robbery at Walker's store on July 1st, but at the request of the Chief he was discharged, the officers having arrested the wrong man.

JOHN CALDWELL GETS SQUARE.

Fred White, charged with threatening John Caldwell, was bound over to keep the peace for a year in the sum of \$100 and two sureties of \$50 each.

The adjourned charge of assault preferred by Caldwell against Bernard Flanery occupied considerable time, several witnesses being examined, and the Magistrate believing that Flanery had injured Caldwell's right arm very severely by a blow with an iron gauge during a dispute over their work, fined him \$5 and \$5 costs.

OTHER CASES.

Arnold Matthews, a colored man, arrested by P. C. Zeats for being drunk and disorderly, was fined \$5.

Michael Bell, another colored man, charged with assaulting his wife, Jane Bell, was discharged, the complainant failing to put in an appearance.

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July 7:

SOMEBODY IN BIG BUSINESS.

A Nine Year Old Boy Arrested at 2 a.m.
and Locked Up.

AMONG THE MULHOLLANDS.

Among the prisoners in the dock at the Police Court this morning was little 9-year-old Wm. Morris, who resides with his parents on King street east. He was charged by James Brittain with obtaining a horse and waggon by false pretence. The little fellow was awakened at 2 o'clock this morning, arrested and hustled off to the cells, where he was compelled to remain until court opened. The complainant, an old man, who is continually getting into trouble with the police through his negligence in the care of his horses, did not appear in court, and as the police were not ready to proceed with the case, owing to their inability to arrest another little boy named Eddie Ross, who is alleged to have been implicated with young Morris in the boyish prank which resulted in the heinous offence charged against them, the case was adjourned until Saturday next. Mrs. Morris was present in behalf of her boy, and was quite indignant over her boy's arrest. "He's only a little fellow," said she, "and as we have four

horses there was no necessity for his taking anybody's horse. Why, he was only away from the house about two hours when the horse was taken, and he says Eddie Ross asked him to go for a ride."

She was allowed to take her boy home.

THE MULHOLLANDS AGAIN.

Maggie Burns, a young girl, was charged by her brother-in-law, John Mulholland, with the larceny of \$10 in cash and a ring valued at 50 cents. The girl denied the charge and Mulholland then went into the box and swore that the ring found on the girl had been stolen from him, and also that she had stolen the money from his pants pockets on Sunday last. Mrs. Mulholland, wife of the complainant, then took a hand in the case and was invited by the Magistrate to tell her side of the story. "That man there," said she, pointing to her husband, "is no good on earth. That girl steal \$10 from him! (Sneeringly.) Why, he never owned \$10 except once, and that was when he bluffed the city out of \$50."

Magistrate—What do you mean by "bluffed?"

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Mrs. Mulholland—He sued the city and they settled with him. He spent that \$50 in liquor and was drunk for three weeks straight. He worked for three days last week and then got paralyzed drunk on the money he earned, and last Monday he sold every hing out of the house, bedding, furniture, carpets and all, even my dresses, so that I haven't got a stitch except what I have on. He is always complaining about having a sore leg or arm or something, and there is nothing the matter with him. This arresting my sister is only the way he gets square with her because she wouldn't come and live at his house. That ring belonged to me and I gave it to her as a keepsake. Then breaking into sobs, "I want a separation from him right away, Your Worship."

"All right, I'll give you one," replied the Magistrate. "And you," turning to the girl in the dock, "had better go home. You are discharged."

Mulholland—I can't work, Your Worship.

Mrs. Mulholland—You will have to work in jail, where you will be before long.

MADE A RACKET ON SUNDAY.

William and Edward Metzger, small boys, were charged by Edward Bethune with disorderly conduct. The complainant is an elderly gentleman, with very pronounced views concerning the proper observance of the Lord's Day, as he termed the Sabbath, and he objected strongly to the defendants and other boys holding amateur band concerts, etc., in their back yards at all hours of the day and night. Mrs. Metzger promised to see that the boys behaved better in future, and as Mr. Bethune was satisfied with this the Magistrate dismissed the case.

DID NOT GIVE NOTICE.

A charge of refusing to pay wages, preferred against Rubin Stroud by William Jeffrey, was dismissed, the complainant admitting that he neglected to give Stroud notice of his intention of leaving his employ. Jeffrey's claim was for \$6.50, the balance of a two months' account. "Let this be a warning to you," remarked the Magistrate in dismissing the charge, "that you must give a month's notice when you leave a place where you have hired by the month.

July 8:

SEPARATED FROM HER HUSBAND

Mrs. Mary Mulholland Will Not Live With
the Notorious John.

AT THE POLICE COURT.

There was but one prisoner in the dock at the Police Court this morning, and that solitary prisoner was a woman who has been given several chances to reform, but availed herself of none of them. A small audience attended court, and but one man remained until the close of the monotonous proceedings.

PRESSING FOR SEPARATION.

John Mulholland was in court again this morning, this time as defendant in a charge of non-support laid against him by his wife, Mary Mulholland.

"I just want a bill of separation from him," said the complainant. "He don't intend to do any better, and I might as well be away from him."

Magistrate—She tells a nice story about your actions.

Mulholland—Well, I sold all the things during the last two weeks because I have been drinking hard. I can get them though, but if she wants a separation why she can have it.

Magistrate—How long have you been married?

Mrs. Mulholland—Eight years.

" How old are you ? "

" I was 15 when I was married and he was 24 years old."

Magistrate—I'll bind him over to keep the peace in \$50 himself and two sureties of \$30 each. You can also get a bill of separation from him.

TORE HIS TROUSERS TO SHREDS.

Fred. Dowling, a good-looking young man, was charged with assaulting a young French boy named Samuel Queril. The latter appeared in court with his face swathed in bandages, and claimed that Dowling had kicked him in the face. Mr. Malone appeared for the defendant and produced a much dilapidated pair of trousers which had been worn by his client during the scrap. Queril admitted tearing the trousers, but stated that he did so in an attempt to prevent Dowling running away after the assault. He also broke Dowling's watchchain. The defendant's 5 year-old brother gave important evidence for the defence. His story was that Queril knocked him down and punched him in the side and then swore at his brother, and the latter then knocked Queril down on the sidewalk. After several witnesses were examined the Magistrate dismissed the case with costs.

SMALL CASES.

Mary Reeves, arrested by P. C. Barron for being drunk on Market street last night, was fined \$2.

Arnest Black, of Ancaster, was sued by Thomas Oakes, a hired man, for a balance of \$18 wages. The Magistrate dismissed the case on the ground that the complainant had not laid the charge within the month after leaving the defendant's employ, as required.

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ANOTHER SEPARATION GRANTED.

Fred. Crowley's Case Before Hamilton's
Miniature Divorce Court.

THE MAGISTRATE'S LEVEE.



IN the Police Court from day to day and from week to week are seen scores upon scores of unfortunates who owe their degradation to over-indulgence in the delights of the flowing bowl, and no matter how lenient the Magistrate may be or how many chances they may get to reform they still find solace for their mental or bodily troubles, whether real or imaginary, in close companionship with the whiskey bottle. A pitiful case of this kind was that of Margaret Sharp, an elderly woman, arrested by P. C. Watson at 2 o'clock this morning for trespassing on the premises of the Hamilton Bridge and Tool Works. With her was Geo. Belcher, a married man with a family, but young enough to be the woman's son. The couple were discovered by Geo. H. Yates, night watchman at the works. He found the woman lying in a drunken stupor underneath a car, while Belcher was some distance from her. When caught the woman maintained that Belcher was her son, but finally admitted that he was only her comrade of the night. Both prisoners admitted the charge when arraigned at the Police

Court this morning, but Belcher claimed that a gate of the place was open when they went in.

"Forgive me this time, for God's sake," pleaded his companion, "and I'll never do the like again."

"You were at my place before that," replied the Magistrate, "and were very abusive. You refused to go away until I threatened to have you arrested. What did you go into that yard for?"

"Because I was drunk and didn't want my missus to see me."

Magistrate—I'll fine you \$3 each or thirty days in jail.

Belcher—Give me time to pay it?

Magistrate—Are you a married man?

"Yes."

"Well, I'll give you time," then, turning to the woman, "you can go, too."

A RUNAWAY HUSBAND.

Among the prisoners in the dock was Fred. Crowley, a young man who ran away from his wife about two months ago. He was not charged with wife desertion, as was to have been expected, but only with threatening his wife. Crowley came back to the city a few days ago, and ever since has been endeavoring to induce her to live with him again. She has steadily refused, however, to have anything to do with him, and this morning he changed his tactics and demanded money. When she refused these requests also, Crowley threatened to thrash her, and eventually, during a wordy dispute between the couple on the market this morning, Mrs. Crowley called P. C. Gibbs and had her husband arrested. The indignant young wife was called to the witness-stand and said: "The prisoner left me about two months ago without a cent of

money, and after spending all he had he came back and wanted me to keep him!"

Magistrate—Who did he go away with?

"He went with some woman."

Crowley—That's not right, Your Wor—

"I guess it is," interrupted Mrs. Crowley,

"she went the sameday you did anyhow."

Crowley—Don't you make any breaks like that now, Nellie. You know I came back because I wanted our boy, and I heard he was being abused.

Witness—Well, he was all right and you hadn't any business taking him.

Magistrate—Did you take the child?

Prisoner—Yes, sir.

"You had no right to it, you must give it back to her and I'll bind you over in sureties of \$200 to keep the peace for a year."

Mrs. Crowley—I want a separation from him, too, Your Worship.

Crowley—All right Nellie, I won't have to keep you then.

Nellie—You never did.

Magistrate—I'll draw up a bill of separation for you and you will be better apart.

THAT FALSE PRETENCE CASE.

Little Willie Morris, the 9 year-old lad charged by James Brittain with appropriating a horse and waggon by false pretence, was brought up on remand, but again remanded until Saturday next, as Eddie Ross, the boy who was implicated with Morris, has not yet been captured. Morris claims that Brittain lent the horse and rig to Ross, and they went for a short drive. Brittain has not appeared in court since the case was instituted.

TWO FREELTON CASES.

Michael Getz and Thomas Duffy, of Freelton, were charged by License Inspector Bowman with allowing gambling on their premises. Neither of the defendants were present, and the charge against Getz was abandoned by the Inspector. Duffy's case was enlarged until next Saturday.

BREAKING WINDOWS.

Frank St. Lawrence, familiar to court loungers as the interpreter in the Police Court troubles of non-union moulders, was the defendant to-day in a charge of wilful damage laid against him by Thomas Smith. During a dispute a few days ago St. Lawrence is alleged to have broken several windows in Smith's house at the corner of Jackson street and Ferguson avenue. The case was adjourned until Monday.

"WULLIE" REID AND P. C. FERRIS.

At the conclusion of the court this morning old "Wullie" Reid started an argument with himself on the benefits and advantages of planting shade trees, and he became so excited that P. C. Ferris felt called upon to eject the old man from the courtroom. Quite a tussle ensued, and after the veteran constable had vainly endeavored to fire old "Wullie" he was induced to desist and Mr. Reid strode off, vowing vengeance on reporters and policemen in general, and P. C. Ferris in particular.

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